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News worth sharing.



It's not easy BEING GREEN

Katimavik volunteer Charles Rondeau helps plant trees near the Macdonald Bridge as part of an Earth Day event on Sunday. Dozens of volunteers spent part of the day planting 200 trees along the Barrington Street Multi-use Trail. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Health talks continue as strike looms

Media blackout.

Salaries the main issue in bargaining between hospital workers, Capital Health



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Negotiations between Capital Health and the union representing 3,600 hospital employees continued over the weekend.

But don't expect any updates.

Bruce Outhouse, the government-appointed mediator, has asked for a media blackout while bargaining is ongoing.

"The mediator has requested a media blackout, so there are no further details that we can provide," said Peter Graham, a spokesman for Capital Health.

Deedee Slye, communications officer for the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union, also refused to provide an update on the talks, which resumed Saturday morning and continued on

Sunday at the Holiday Inn in Dartmouth.

When reached via email on Sunday, Outhouse said media blackouts are standard practice during mediation. "The reason for imposing the media blackout is to foster candid negotiations between the parties," he wrote.

Labour Minister Marilyn More appointed Outhouse on Friday to bring both sides back to the table. The provincial government faced criticism from the opposition parties for failing to intervene in the dispute, but both More and Premier Darrell Dexter repeatedly stressed their desire for the two sides to work out a deal.

Wages are the main sticking point, with the union demanding a 5.1 per cent raise in the first year of their contract — similar to a recent arbitrated settlement for nurses. Capital Health is offering one per cent raises each year for three years.

If the situation is not resolved by Wednesday at 12:01 p.m., the workers — including nurses, technicians and social workers — could be on the picket line.

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Robbers steal truck, valuables from home

Police investigating. Suspects believed to have fled scene in victim's truck, with undisclosed amount of electronics and jewelry



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Halifax Regional Police are looking for four men suspected of robbing a Dartmouth home over the weekend.

Just after 4:30 a.m. on Sunday, Halifax Regional Police responded to a house on the 0-100 block of Primrose Street in Dartmouth. They had received reports of a robbery.

According to police, four men broke into the residence armed with guns. They stole an undisclosed amount of electronics and jewelry from the home before stealing the keys to a truck belonging to

Description

- The stolen truck is a white 2011 Dodge Ram.

one of the victims. They are believed to have fled the scene in the truck.

"(The suspects) robbed the residents of numerous goods," said Staff Sgt. Barb Saunders, with the Halifax Regional Police.

"They stole the keys from the home and took a vehicle from the driveway."

The suspects wore bandanas and hoodies to cover their faces, and were wearing dark clothing.

There were six adults and two young children in the residence at the time of the robbery. Nobody was injured.

The investigation is in the early phases, according to Saunders. There is no indication the suspects were known to the victims.

The victims are co-operating with police.



A forensic-identification officer leaves a house that was broken into by four suspects armed with guns early Sunday morning. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Security

HMCS Charlottetown is switching missions

On Sunday, Defence Minister Peter MacKay said the HMCS Charlottetown will be deploying to the Arabian Sea to join the multinational Combined Task Force 150 for maritime security operations.

"In the coming week, our sailors aboard Charlottetown will work as part of a large international coalition that continues Canada's leadership in international security," MacKay said in a release.

Since January, Charlottetown has been in the Mediterranean Sea supporting a NATO counter-terrorism mission. **METRO**

Ham products

Listeria warning

The Nova Scotia government is warning the public about ham products that may be contaminated with Listeria. Cooked, boneless hams with best-before dates of April 1 and April 3 from Meadowbrook Meat Market may contain the bacteria.

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NEWS

Look out for it

Hidden heroes

This masked man is one of Canada's real-life superheroes. Get to know him and the superhero movement in tomorrow's Metro.



Mobile news

Meow, a super-sized orange and white tabby, can't help but waddle. Tipping the scale at nearly 40 pounds, the two-year-old cat has been given to a New Mexico shelter by his 87-year-old owner, who can no longer provide adequate care. Now, the shelter has vowed to whip the feline into shape. Scan the code for the story.



Vigils for Taavel spread out of Halifax



A vigil for Raymond Taavel is seen through the window of Menz Bar in this photo taken last week. Similar vigils for Taavel have already been held in other Nova Scotia towns while another vigil is planned for St. John's. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

An estimated 100 people gathered Friday for a vigil at Wentworth Park in Sydney to remember and honour the life of a well-known gay activist killed earlier this week.

Raymond Taavel, 49, died Tuesday morning after he was beaten outside of the Menz Bar on Gottingen Street in Halifax. The accused in the crime is Andre Noel Denny, a mentally ill Membertou man.

"We were originally thinking this would be a small event, but it is just overwhelming to see the outpouring of support," said Evan Coole, the organizer of the vigil.

"Raymond's life really touched a lot of people. He represented hope for change."

Funeral costs

- A fundraiser for Taavel's family to pay for funeral costs was held at Menz bar in Halifax on Sunday night.
- Vigils for Taavel have also taken place in Halifax and Antigonish.
- Another is scheduled for Tuesday in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Through Taavel's work as an organizer for Halifax Pride Week, an editor for Wayves magazine and numerous other activities, Coole

said he was "the perfect example of how one person could touch many."

"With someone whose life touched as many as Raymond's did, we felt a need to come together as a community to grieve, but also to move forward and cope and continue Raymond's vision for a better world."

The early-evening vigil in his honour at the park's bandshell shared details of his work and his efforts in bringing the gay and lesbian community and its allies together.

Among the speakers were representatives from the Cape Breton Labour Council, the Cape Breton Regional Municipality diversity committee and Pride Cape Breton.

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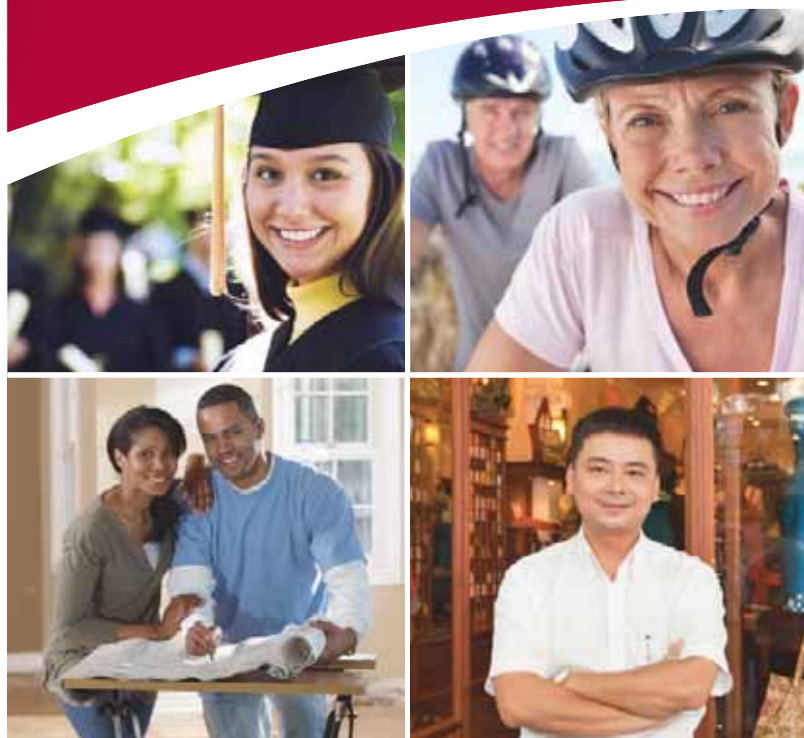
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A pedestrian walks past the former Tip Top Tailors building at 1592 Barrington St. on Sunday. HRM's heritage advisory committee has recommended that the building be demolished. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Tip Top building recommended for demolition

Council. Design approval faces appeal from owner of Tramway Building

Quoted

"(The building) passed its due awhile ago.... It's in pretty big disrepair."

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane

The municipality's heritage advisory committee is recommending that Halifax regional council proceed with plans to demolish the old Tip Top Tailors building.

According to a report from the committee coming before council on Tuesday, the building, located at 1592 Barrington St., has deteriorated to such an extent that it has little to no heritage value left.

"(The building's) character-defining elements are significantly degraded, and a structural assessment has indicated

that there is little potential for viable reuse of the building, either in its present form or with additional floors added," reads the staff report.

In its place, Lydon Lynch Architects has envisioned a 22-metre-tall mixed-use building, enveloped by a contemporary "glass-curtain" wall structure. Staff believe the proposed building fits within municipal planning rules.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane said Sunday the building will be a boon to Barrington

Street, which has struggled for a number of years.

"I know that some individuals are (saying) this is a prime example of the, you know, 1950s-to-'70s kind of building," said Sloane. "But every city has to have an overturn of some their (less) prominent buildings ... (and) this is one of those buildings."

If approved by council on Tuesday, the demolition proposal will still have to go through the public-consultation process.

The project has already been approved by the municipality's design review committee, but that approval is being appealed by the owner of the adjacent Tramway Building. Council is expected to hear that appeal on May 15.

ALEX BOUTILIER/METRO

SIRT. Police investigators get first case

A day after a special police investigation unit was announced, it got its first case.

Justice Minister Ross Landry introduced on Friday an independent agency mandated to look into serious incidents involving police, more than two years after it was first promised.

The Halifax-based Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT) investigates matters such as death, serious injury and sexual assault when it involves police.

The unit got its first call on Saturday regarding an incident in Halifax.

Police responded to a call of a woman allegedly acting out of the ordinary in the area of McAlpine and Chisholm avenues at 7:30 p.m. After she was arrested, officers noticed she had

suffered a bone fracture.

SIRT took over the investigation and, in a press release, asked any witnesses to call 902-424-2010.

Landry first promised to create the unit in late 2009. He said his department received a budget allocation for it last year, but it took time to recruit staff, consult with police forces and research the legal ramifications of setting up the agency before it could be launched.

The unit includes a director, who was appointed last fall, two civilian investigators, two full-time police officers and one support-staff member. The director will have the sole decision-making authority to lay charges if necessary, Landry said.

With a budget of \$800,000 annually, the agency can independently launch investigations or it can respond to cases referred to it by the justice minister, a police chief, the head of the RCMP in Nova Scotia or a complaint from the public.

Agency director Ron MacDonald, a former Crown lawyer, said he had no concerns about the prospect of former and current officers investigating police. He said it was important that the agency have the experience required to conduct proper investigations into potential criminal matters.

"The key is they only answer to me and I'm independent," said MacDonald.

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Moose fever is back in Halifax

Hockey. Close to 22,000 fans watched team play this weekend



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It's been a long time since there's been this kind of buzz in town for the Halifax Mooseheads.

After suffering through three very lean seasons, the fan base for the Mooseheads has been steadily growing with this year's edition of the team.

Over the weekend, a crescendo point was struck with sellout crowds greeting the Mooseheads for games 1 and 2 of their semifinal playoff series with the Rimouski Oceanic.

"It's awesome. It's awesome," said season-ticket holder Don McLeod. "I've been coming here for 18 years and it's been a few years since we've seen these crowds."

It was a highly energized lot. Even though Halifax couldn't

By the numbers

\$22,000

A record haul of more than \$22,000 went to the winner of Saturday's 50-50 draw at the Mooseheads game.

muster a win in either game, the 10,595 fans in attendance on both Friday and Saturday night were loud and charged up.

Not having a bona fide play-off contender to cheer for since 2008 can do that to a city, it seems.

"It was a struggle," conceded McLeod, of getting out to watch the team during three losing seasons from 2009-11. "It took them a while to get their draft picks back and build the team, but, wow, it was worth the wait."

With young stars like forwards Nathan MacKinnon and Jonathan Drouin and goaltender Zachary Fucale, the connection fans are making with this

Players' sentiments

- The players enjoyed the atmosphere the fans brought, but they wish they could have at least won them a game.

- Halifax fell 4-1 to Rimouski on Friday, and 5-4 on Saturday.

- "We wanted to put on our best game for our fans, and we didn't do that," said defenceman Trey Lewis.

year's group is of a sort not seen for many, many years.

This point was driven home when tickets for both games 1 and 2 against Rimouski were sold out in less than two hours.

"Great hockey," Cole Harbour's Conrad Bissett said when speculating as to why the fans are back in droves. "You have some great talent on show.... There's a lot of talent there, and people want to see talent."



A young fan shows his support for the Mooseheads on Saturday night, when the Metro Centre was sold out for the second straight game. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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One way or another, Alison Redford makes history on Monday night.

Win the Alberta election and she is the first elected female premier in the province, heading up a party that has run things for four decades and will soon shatter the record for longest-serving government in Canadian history.

Lose and she's Harry Strom, the forgotten scapegoated premier of the Alberta Social Credit government when it fell to the Tories in 1971.

Redford, speaking at a weekend party rally, said she is pushing ahead and doesn't feel the weight of history.

"I'm pretty excited about Monday," she said. "This is a campaign about Alberta's future."

Redford's Progressive Conservatives have been in unfamiliar territory since the election campaign began a month ago, running behind another party on the right

side of the political spectrum.

The Wildrose party, under leader Danielle Smith, have fashioned an electable alternative by capitalizing on discontent over deficit budgets, long health-care wait times, onerous land-use rules, and perceived political greed on salary and perks. Some polls have had them ahead by more than 15 points, though that lead appears to have slipped somewhat in recent days.

If the Wildrose wins, it will defeat a colossus whose history can only be told in large numbers and superlatives. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Breaking record

The PCs have held power in Alberta for 14,847 days — 40 years and almost eight months.

- Should they win a 12th consecutive majority government, they will be on track to make history.
- When the next election rolls around, they will have been in power close to 45 years.



Alberta PC Leader Alison Redford gets back in her vehicle after making a campaign stop in Calgary on Saturday. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rookie MP's story proves the power of time



NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau listens to a citizen speak about concerns over float-plane noise in her riding. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spend a day with rookie NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau and witness the degree to which someone's life can change in 12 months.

It was a year ago this week that Brosseau was making regular phone calls home from Las Vegas, where she was celebrating her 27th birthday under the bright lights of Sin City. Those calls brought news that turned her life upside down.

"Of course being a mom, I called home all the time and spoke to my son and my family," said Brosseau.

"They were kind of like: 'There's, um, stuff going on here. You're kind of in the news a bit for going on your trip.'"

Brosseau, then a campus-bar manager in Ottawa, was hit with a stunner. Her name and photo were splashed all over the national news during Canada's ongoing federal election campaign, during which she emerged as a poster child for the NDP's improbable Quebec surge.

Little did she know that roughly one year later, she would be spending a busy

day in a rural Quebec riding — a place to which she had no personal connection — discussing pyrite, float planes, federal summer jobs and an art exhibition with local constituents.

Entering that campaign a year ago, even the term "underdog" would have been charitable to describe Brosseau and a few dozen other Quebec NDP candidates. She hadn't knocked on doors, hadn't spent a dime on her campaign, spoke little French and had never even set foot in the

riding she was vying for.

But a so-called "orange wave" rolled in around the same time Brosseau was on that late-April trip. A few days later, that wave swept her to victory in the Berthier-Maskinonge riding, in what was perhaps the biggest upset of the election.

She appears to have grown into her new job. Given the French lessons she's been taking, original claims about her lack of proficiency in the language now appear exaggerated.

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Demonstrators arrested

Police shut down Montreal protest

Police moved swiftly to shut down a protest in Montreal on Saturday, a day after a series of violent clashes between demonstrators and officers in riot gear created havoc in the downtown core.

Eighty-nine people, some wearing masks and goggles, were arrested after Saturday's protest was declared illegal, said Montreal police spokesman Daniel Lacoursière.

Demonstrators had gathered in the rain near Old Montreal to denounce a conference on Premier Jean Charest's plan to develop northern Quebec.

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Animal cruelty

Charge laid in B.C. sled-dogs case

A criminal charge has been laid in an animal-cruelty case that focused international attention on the practices of the sled-dog industry after the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Robert Fawcett, a for-



A sled dog rests at a kennel operated by Whistler Outdoor Adventures. THE CANADIAN PRESS

mer general manager with Howling Dog Tours, based in Whistler, B.C., faces one count of causing unnecessary pain and suffering to dozens of sled dogs in April 2010.

Fifty-six dogs were dug up in a mass grave near Whistler after information leaked out in January 2011 through a workers-compensation claim of post-traumatic stress disorder.

A Bob Fawcett also posted details on a PTSD website, describing how panicked animals were shot or had their throats slit before being dumped into the grave.

The charges come after a gruesome search and investigation by the RCMP and the Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals.

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Dutch train collision. Woman dies of injuries, 16 in hospital after crash

A 68-year-old woman died Sunday of injuries a day after two trains collided head-on in Amsterdam — a crash a top rail official described as one of the worst train disasters in the Netherlands' recent history.

Scores of people were injured when the two trains slammed into one another. Amsterdam Mayor Eberhard van der Laan said 16 people who were seriously injured in the crash remained hospitalized Sunday afternoon. He gave no details of the injuries.

The crash Saturday evening involved a double-decker intercity train and a commuter train.

"Two trains colliding on

the same track is a nightmare," said Bert Meerstadt, director of national railroad operator NS, before news of the woman's death.

Meerstadt declined to speculate on what caused the collision. He said crash investigators would study black-box recorders on both trains.

The accident happened near a popular park on a busy stretch of track close to Amsterdam's Central Station where trains generally do not travel at full speed. Two separate investigations will focus on whether human error or a mechanical problem led to the collision.

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Deadly crash

Pakistan orders inspections for private airlines

Pakistan's defence minister says all airplanes operated by private airlines in the country must undergo a new technical inspection.

Chaudhry Ahmed Mukhtar's comments Sunday come two days after a passenger jet crashed as it tried to land in a thunderstorm at the main airport in the capital, Islamabad, killing all 127 on board.

It was the second major air disaster involving a private airline in Pakistan in less than two years.

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Myanmar's elected lawmakers refuse seats over dispute

Protest. Democracy party to boycott opening session of Parliament over constitutional oath that enshrines military power

Democracy icon Aung San Suu Kyi and the rest of her party's newly elected lawmakers will not attend Monday's opening session of Parliament because they object to wording in their oath of office, which says they must "safeguard" the constitution, party officials said Sunday.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party wants to see the constitution changed because it enshrines military power and came into force in 2008 during an era of iron-fisted army rule.

The absence from parliament of Suu Kyi and 42 other



Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi leaves her National League for Democracy party after a meeting at the party's headquarters last Friday in Yangon. KHIN MAUNG WIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

elected lawmakers who won historic April 1 byelections was expected. The party had already said it would not attend the assembly session until the issue is resolved.

Suu Kyi's party wants phrasing in the lawmakers'

oath changed from "safeguard the constitution" to "respect the constitution."

Party officials have played down the problem, saying they still expect the lawmakers to attend the assembly, possibly this week or next. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Uneasy democracy

Fighting military influence

The oath is in an appendix to the constitution, and it is unclear whether it can be changed without the approval of 75 per cent of parliament.

The constitution automatically allocates 25 per cent of the parliamentary seats to unelected representatives of the military, and Suu Kyi's party maintains that is undemocratic.

The document also bars people from the nation's presidency if they or any of their relatives are foreign citizens. That effectively prevents Suu Kyi from ascending to the presidency because she married a British national, Michael Aris, who died in 1999. Their two children were born abroad and do not live in Myanmar.

The byelection's outcome, in which the opposition won almost all of the 45 seats up for grabs, was considered a major step toward reconciliation after decades of military rule in Myanmar.

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Iran claims to be building copy of U.S. spy drone



This file photo released on Dec. 8, 2011, by the Iranian Revolutionary Guards claims to show Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, left, listening to an unidentified colonel as he points to the U.S. RQ-170 Sentinel drone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iran claimed Sunday that it had reverse-engineered an American spy drone captured by its armed forces last year and has begun building a copy.

Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, chief of the aerospace division of the powerful Revolutionary Guards, related what he said were details of the aircraft's operational history to prove his claim that Tehran's military experts had extracted data from the U.S. RQ-170 Sentinel captured in December in eastern Iran, state television reported.

Among the drone's past

missions, he said, was surveillance of the compound in Pakistan in which Osama bin Laden lived and was killed.

Tehran has flaunted the capture of the Sentinel, a top-secret surveillance drone with stealth technology, as a victory for Iran and a defeat for the U.S. in an intelligence and technological battle.

There are concerns in the U.S. that Iran or other states may be able to reverse-engineer the chemical composition of the drone's radar-deflecting paint or the aircraft's sophisticated optics

technology that allows operators to positively identify terror suspects from tens of thousands of feet in the air.

There are also worries that adversaries may be able to hack into the drone's database, as Iran claimed to have done. Some surveillance technologies allow video to stream through to operators on the ground but do not store much collected data. If they do, it is encrypted.

Media reports claimed this week that Russia and China have asked Tehran to provide them with information on

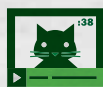
U.S. response

- U.S. officials have acknowledged losing the drone. They have said Iran will find it hard to exploit any on-board data and technology because of measures taken to limit the intelligence value of drones operating over hostile territory.

the drone but Iran's defence ministry denied this.

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Long-awaited Afghan-U.S. deal gets done



Afghan soldiers, left, walk past a U.S. soldier outside a military base in Panjwai. ALAUDDIN KHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghanistan. Strategic partnership deal ready for signing; it will govern U.S. role as international forces leave

Afghanistan and the U.S. agreed on a much-delayed strategic-partnership deal Sunday that is meant to govern the U.S. role in Afghanistan as international forces draw down and for decades after.

U.S. forces have already started pulling out and the majority of troops are scheduled to depart by 2014.

The deal is ready to be

signed by the two presidents.

The agreement is key to the U.S. exit strategy in Afghanistan because it is expected to provide a roadmap for the remaining U.S. forces and funding.

It's also important for the Afghan government as a way to show its people that the U.S. is not abandoning the country as it decreases its military presence.

"The document finalized today provides a strong foundation for the security of Afghanistan, the region and the world and is a document for the development of the region," Afghan National Security Adviser Rangin Daddar Spanta said in a statement issued by President Hamid

Significant agreement

The agreement is key to the U.S. exit strategy in Afghanistan because it's expected to provide a road map for the remaining U.S. forces and for funding.

- The document was initialed Sunday.

a half of negotiations — during which the entire effort appeared in danger of falling apart multiple times. Neither the U.S. nor Afghan officials provided details about what the agreement says.

Spanta and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker initialed the document, according to the statement and to U.S. Embassy spokesman Gavin Sundwall.

It now awaits a review process in both countries and the signatures of Afghan and President Barack Obama.

Afghan and U.S. officials have long said that they hoped to sign the deal before a NATO summit in Chicago next month.

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Karzai's office.

Regardless of the exact content of the deal, getting to any sort of final agreement is likely to be seen as a success given more than a year and

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Formula One. Race returns to Bahrain amid political tension

Under heavy security, Bahrain's embattled leaders toasted the return Sunday of the coveted Formula One Grand Prix even as riot police used armoured vehicles to virtually seal off opposition strongholds and fight hit-and-run clashes in the Arab Spring's longest-running street battles.

The contrasts put the Gulf kingdom's divisions in stark relief: The Sunni rulers basking in the F1 glamour at the desert circuit while security forces imposed lockdown tactics against Shiite neighbourhoods at the heart of the more than 14-month-old uprising.

The heavy security appeared to choke off the large-scale demonstrations of recent days that have embarrassed Bahrain's Western-backed monarchy, which lobbied hard for the race's return as a symbol of stability. Smaller clashes, meanwhile, flared in some areas with police firing tear gas and stun grenades.

But the presence of the race itself — cancelled last year because of unrest — raised questions among rights groups and others about Western tolerance for Bahrain's crackdowns and whether F1 organizers overlooked the island nation's political upheavals in favour of their close ties with Bahrain's rulers.

In many ways, Bahrain re-



Tires set ablaze by anti-government protesters fill the air with smoke.

HASAN JAMALI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

mains the outlier of the Arab Spring.

Its ruling dynasty has been spared serious pressures from Western allies because of its strategic role as home of the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet — the Pentagon's main regional counterweight against Iran — and its extremely close bonds with neighbouring Saudi Arabia, which now keeps troops in Bahrain.

Bahrain's Sunni rulers also have framed the fight as a pro-Western stand against Iranian influence. They claim Shiite giant Iran is pulling the strings with Bahrain's majority Shiites. They account for about 70 per cent of Bahrain's more than half million citizens but are mostly excluded from positions of power. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

London Olympics. With 4,000 extra flights, no-fly zone set to expand

Private jets and ultralight aircraft will have already tight restrictions on flying over London expanded further during the Olympics, a senior air traffic controller said Sunday.

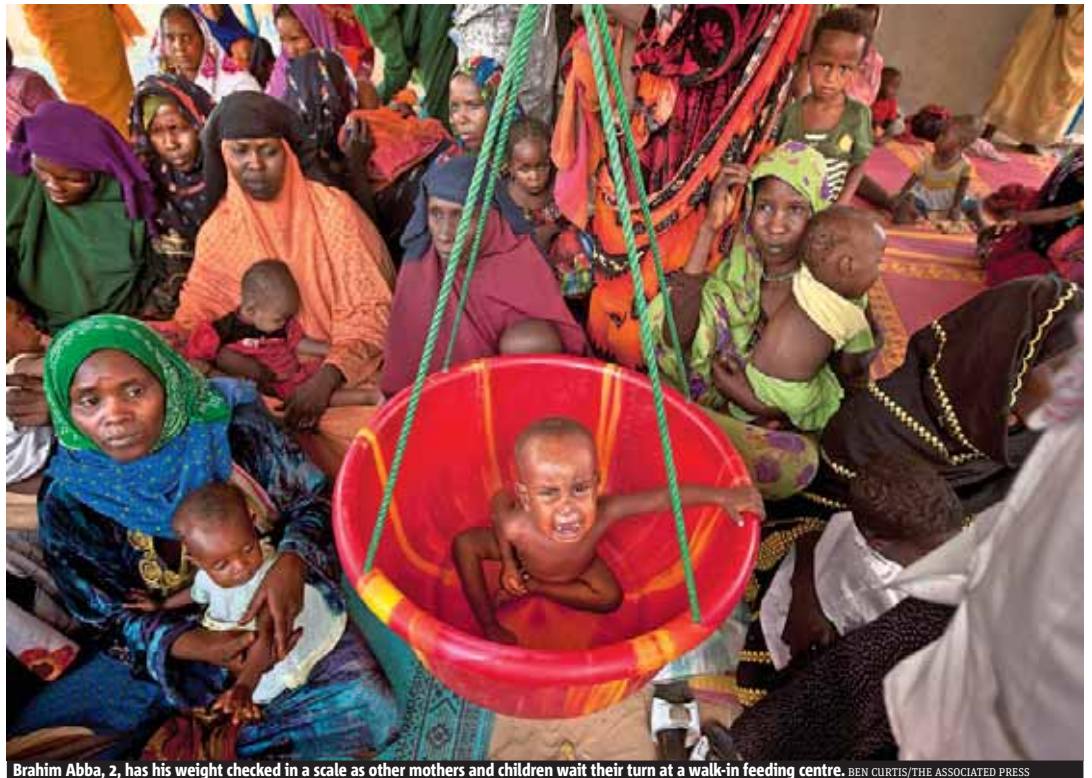
The zone surrounding London from which private planes, hot air balloons and ultralights are banned will increase by up to 30 miles (48 kilometres) in all directions, said Paul Haskins, who runs the London terminal controls of the National Air Traffic Services. The restrictions are for security and to minimize the chances of a crash between a private plane and a jumbo jet.

Quotable

"If you start infringing London's airspace and you're heading towards one of the key stadiums, the Ministry of Defence is likely to see you as a threat."

Paul Haskins

He said military chiefs would have to assess whether an unauthorized pilot who strayed into the airspace had done so by accident or posed a security threat. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Brahim Abba, 2, has his weight checked in a scale as other mothers and children wait their turn at a walk-in feeding centre. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chadian mothers desperate for food

Chad in crisis. Health and UN officials warn that humanitarian assistance must increase or more children will die

Quotable

"We really need to do something urgently because if we don't act now then we may take the chance of losing so many children."

Dr. Marcel Ouattara, UNICEF's deputy representative to Chad

and UN officials warn that more children will die if the international humanitarian assistance is not increased.

The inhabitants in this vast expanse of the Chadian desert eke an existence from subsistence farming in this unforgiving environment, and this year it has been especially unkind.

Outside the clinic, a mother arrives from the desert by donkey, leaves the animal with a dozen

others under the shade of a tree that serves as a donkey parking lot and walks toward the clinic, shielding the child under her yellow shawl from the harsh noon-time sun.

"Halime Ali?", a nurse shouts out. A mother brings baby Halime to be weighed. She cries as she is lifted into the plastic weighing bucket, and again as she is lifted out by one arm.

Dr. Beban Sylvestre, the

chief doctor of the district of Mondo, said the centre has registered 22 deaths since the beginning of the year. Admissions in the early months of this year tripled over admissions during the last half of 2011, he said.

"The children are brought to the centre very late. Once they arrive to the centre, it's already too late to treat them," he said. "Another reason that presents itself is the transportation conditions. When a child is sick they bring them on the back of a donkey or camel, or even a cart," and those modes of transportation are not ideal for children with severe malnutrition.

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Syrian mourners carry the bodies of an infant and Free Syrian Army fighter during their funeral in a Damascus suburb, Saturday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

UN Mission

1st time the UN has sent an unarmed mission into a conflict zone.

- **Deliberations.** Western diplomats warned of failure unless the Assad regime complies with the ceasefire.
- **Reaction.** Some Syrian activists were skeptical about the mission, based on the first team's performance.

UN eases shelling in Syria

The deployment of UN truce monitors brought a lull in shelling of the Syrian opposition stronghold of Homs for a second day Sunday while President Bashar Assad's troops kept up heavy attacks on other areas where observers were not present.

International envoy Kofi Annan expressed hope that despite continued violations

of the cease-fire he brokered, an expanded team of up to 300 observers — up from eight now on the ground — can help end 13 months of violence and lead to talks between Assad and the opposition.

Assad has used heavy weapons to try to crush the uprising against him, prompting some of his opponents to switch from peaceful protests

to attacks on soldiers. The violence has left more than 9,000 people dead, according to the U.N. At least 12 civilians and five soldiers were killed Sunday, activists and state media said.

On Saturday, the U.N. Security Council approved a larger observer mission than the 250 initially envisioned.

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Supporters of socialist Francois Hollande react after the results of the first round of France's presidential election.
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Socialist opponent leading Sarkozy in presidential vote

French election.

Socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy will advance to a runoff

Socialist Francois Hollande and conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy are heading for a runoff election in their race for France's presidency.

This according to partial official results in a vote that could alter the European political and economic landscape.

French voters defied expectations and handed a sur-

European impact

"This is an election that will weigh on the future of Europe. That's why many people are watching us."

Socialist candidate Francois Hollande

prisingly strong third-place showing to far-right candidate Marine Le Pen, who has run on an anti-immigrant platform aimed largely at Muslims.

That could boost her influence on the French political scene, hand her party seats in parliament and affect rela-

tions with minorities.

With 93 per cent of the vote counted, Hollande had 28.4 per cent of ballots cast and Sarkozy 27 per cent, according to figures released by the Interior Ministry after final polls closed.

Le Pen was in third with 18.3 per cent of the vote so far.

Sarkozy is battling to avoid becoming France's first one term president since Valery Giscard d'Estaing lost to Francois Mitterand in 1981.

Turnout was surprisingly high, projected by polling agencies at about 80 per cent. The top two candidates head to a runoff May 6.

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Democratic primary

At this time in 2008, Obama was still in an epic primary battle against his Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

- This year, Obama's march to the nomination has generated little interest because he has no major primary challenger, no one who made the ballot in more than a handful of states.
- Democratic voters, however, are not unanimously behind the American president. In Oklahoma, anti-abortion protester Randall Terry got 18 per cent of the vote. But some say he's not a real Democrat.

No surprise. President Obama to easily secure Democratic nomination

It's official: U.S. President Barack Obama will clinch the Democratic nomination for president on Tuesday, ending a low-key primary race that many people probably didn't realize was happening. Obama is certain to reach the 2,778 delegates he needs to secure his party's nod for a second time when five states vote on Tuesday.

He has won almost every delegate so far, with a few exceptions in some Southern states that won't vote Democratic in the fall regardless.

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Barack Obama will clinch party's nomination. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Brothers charged. Baltimore attacks may have been racially motivated

Two brothers accused of beating a black teenager while patrolling an Orthodox Jewish neighbourhood are set to go on trial Monday in a case with similarities to the shooting of a black teenager in Florida that has drawn national attention.

The brothers, who are white and Jewish, have claimed self-defence, saying the teen was holding a nail-studded board.

Local civil-rights activists hope the Florida case will draw more attention to what they believe was racial profiling by neighbourhood-watch vigilantes.

Eliyahu and Avi Werdesheim are accused of beating a 15-year-old boy who was walking through a Baltimore neighbourhood in November 2010.

The brothers pulled up next to the teen in a vehicle, then got out and "surrounded him," according to charging documents.

The passenger threw the teen to the ground and the driver hit him in the head with a hand-held radio and

Case file

The brothers are charged with second-degree assault, false imprisonment and carrying a deadly weapon (the hand-held radio).

- **Potential sentence.** The pair face up to 13 years in prison if convicted on all three counts.
- **Demographics.** The city is 63 per cent black, and the jury will likely have eight or nine black members, so race will be a factor, said Byron Warnken, a University of Baltimore law professor and practising attorney.

patted him down.

The teen remembered the driver yelling, "You wanna (mess) with us, you don't belong around here, get outta here!" according to court documents, which do not identify which brother was driving.

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Before decline and fall, there was birth

Men dressed as ancient Roman centurions paraded along the Fori Imperiali avenue in front of the ancient Colosseum on Sunday during celebrations of the birth of the city of Rome. Each year Romans celebrate the pagan festival, known as the Christmas of Rome, by dressing up in ancient Roman clothes and parading through the streets surrounding the eternal city's ancient ruins. The event has become a major tourist attraction.

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Fallout

More firings in Secret Service scandal?

The chairman of a House committee investigating an alleged Secret Service prostitution scandal predicted more firings as key lawmakers and President Barack Obama's top re-election adviser expressed confidence Sunday that the agency will effectively deal with the incident. So far, six agents have lost their jobs.

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Political crisis

Aussie Speaker steps down

Australia's parliamentary Speaker temporarily stepped down Sunday amid allegations of sexual harassment and fraud, touching off a political crisis that threatens Prime Minister Julia Gillard's tenuous grip on power.

House of Representatives Speaker Peter Slipper announced Sunday that he will be temporarily replaced by his deputy, Anna Burke.

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Murdoch to testify about political influence in U.K.

Phone-hacking scandal. Media mogul's testimony could discomfit ruling class

Rupert Murdoch's appearance before Lord Justice Brian Leveson's inquiry this week is expected to focus on the network of personal and professional ties that have bound his newspaper and television operations to some of the most senior politicians in the United Kingdom.

Those ties have frequently come under criticism, with many observers saying British politicians were scared of crossing Murdoch because of his company's domination of the British media landscape.

Under fire

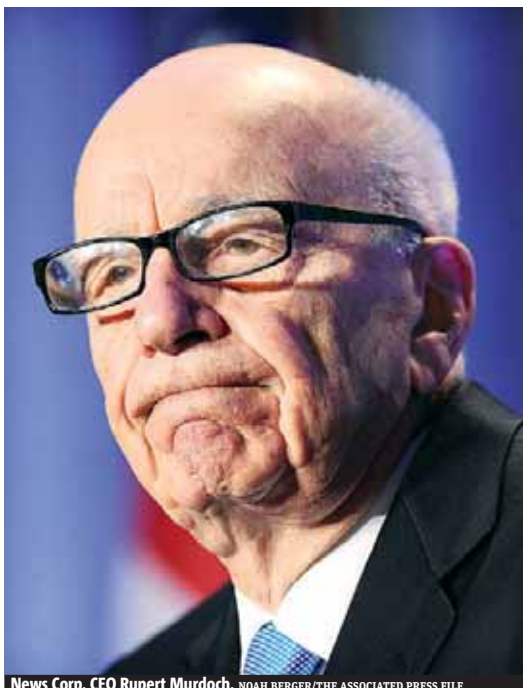
"I don't think he thinks that he has very much to lose"

Steve Fielding, Center for British Politics at the University Nottingham

But those intimate ties have frayed and snapped since revelations last year that journalists at Murdoch's News of the World tabloid routinely intercepted voice-mail messages of those in the public eye. The scandal quickly spread beyond the News of the World to cover an array of other questionable activities by British journalists, as well as police and public officials.

Coulson — a former Murdoch lieutenant drafted as Prime Minister David Cameron's chief media aid — and Murdoch protege Rebekah Brooks both resigned before being arrested as two of the scandal's leading suspects, and Murdoch and his media executive son James have swapped discreet visits to No. 10 Downing Street with confrontational appearances before skeptical lawmakers in Parliament.

Once eager to secure Rupert Murdoch's blessing, Cameron has since ordered the official inquiry, which is calling Murdoch and his son in for at least two full days of testimony starting Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch. NOAH BERGER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Report. Walmart silent on Mexico bribe scandal

Growth

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Walmart's growth in Mexico has been so rapid that one of every five Walmart stores now is in that country. It is Mexico's largest private employer, with 209,000 employees.

Walmart hushed up a vast bribery campaign that top executives of its Mexican subsidiary carried out to build stores across that country, according to a published report.

The New York Times reported Saturday that Walmart failed to notify law-enforcement officials even after its own investigators found evidence of millions of dollars in bribes. The newspaper said the company shut down its internal probe despite a report by its lead investigator that Mexican and U.S. laws likely were violated.

The bribery campaign was reported to have first come to the attention of senior executives at Walmart in 2005, when a former executive of its largest foreign subsidiary, Walmart de Mexico, provided extensive details of a bribery campaign it had orchestrated to win market dominance.

The Mexican executive, previously the lawyer in charge of obtaining construction permits, said in emails and follow-up conversations that Walmart de Mexico paid bribes to obtain permits throughout the country in its rush to build stores nationwide, the Times reported.

The newspaper said that

only after learning of its investigation did Walmart inform the U.S. Justice Department in December 2011 that it had begun an internal investigation into possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Under that law, it is illegal for U.S. corporations and their subsidiaries to bribe foreign officials. Walmart, which is based in Bentonville, Ark., said Saturday that it takes compliance with that law very seriously. It also noted that many of the "alleged activities" in the Times article occurred more than six years ago.

"If these allegations are true, it is not a reflection of who we are or what we stand for," spokesman David Tovar said. "We are deeply concerned by these allegations and are working aggressively to determine what happened."

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HALIFAX READY TO ENCOUNTER SOMETHING NEW



URBAN COMPASS
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Is it time for another Encounter on the Urban Environment?

In late February 1970, Nova Scotia's Voluntary Planning Board invited a dozen disparate international experts — a black community leader, an industrialist, a labour leader, a journalist, an economist, an urban planner, etc. — to come to Halifax for a weeklong “experiment utterly new to the western hemisphere.”

Take a page out of their book

Although it would be unwise to heap too much credit on Encounter — the times were a-changin' everywhere back then — the reality is that Halifax became a much more interesting, engaged and dynamic city in the years that followed.

media even worse?).

Each evening, they staged a live, televised town hall where they argued, debated, questioned, cajoled, harangued and listened to anyone who showed up. The powerless got to speak to the powerful, and the powerful — in the glare of the spotlight — responded.

While the final Encounter report — cobbled together by 12 very different people between meetings, visits and late-night drinks over the course of one exhausting week — was understandably less than the sum of its parts, the process itself galvanized the city and engaged Haligonians in ways they've never been since.

Halifax at the time was at a crossroads, unhappy with its parochial present, trying to find a more interesting future for itself.

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We could use a little of that involvement today.

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We could do worse than another Encounter.

Weird news

Home of 'world's rudest waiter' may still be serving

A San Francisco Chinese restaurant once known for having “the world's rudest waiter” may not be closing for good after all.

The owners of Sam Wo restaurant are scheduled to plead their case to the city's public-health department at a hearing Tuesday.

Owner David Ho's daughter, Julie, told the San Francisco Chronicle that the

restaurant will be closed over the weekend, but nothing is definite beyond that.

Health officials had demanded changes after finding violations including rodent activity, but the owners had said the 100-year-old eatery in Chinatown was just too old.

They had planned to serve their last meals early Saturday.

The restaurant was famous for the late Edsel Ford Fung, dubbed “the world's rudest waiter.” Fung was known for insulting customers and slamming dishes on tables.

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Prelude to the podium



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On your mark

Kenya rocks London marathon

Here's a general view of runners as they go past the Cutty Sark during the Virgin London Marathon on Sunday.

Kenyan marathon runners showed their superiority ahead of the Olympics, with Wilson Kipsang and Mary Keitany coasting to victory in London on Sunday, virtually assuring that they will be selected for the games.

The winners were presented with their medals by Prince Harry, who indicated that security logistics are thwarting his attempts to enter the marathon.

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Get set

2:04:44

Wilson Kipsang, the second-fastest marathon runner ever, won the 42.2-kilometre race for the first time, more than two minutes ahead of fellow Kenyan Martin Lel. Kipsang had stormed ahead of the pack with around 10 kilometres to go in the British capital before winning in two hours, four minutes, 44 seconds.

Go!

- World-record holder Patrick Makau dropped out less than halfway through.
- Mary Keitany pulled away from world champion Edna Kiplagat with around five kilometres to go before winning by one minute, 13 seconds. Priscah Jeptoo was third.
- In a sprint finish in front of Buckingham Palace on the Mall, Martin Lel edged Tsegaye Kebede of Ethiopia for second place.

Finish line



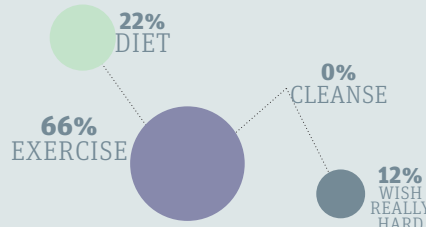
“What's fantastic is that my brother and his wife will be doing it next year, I think.”

Prince Harry quipped that his brother, Prince William and wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge want to compete next year.



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8k/antique gold	\$9.16/g

Gold Bar Buying Prices

Gold Bars | Buy Price

Gold 1 ounce (Recognized)	\$1,497.90
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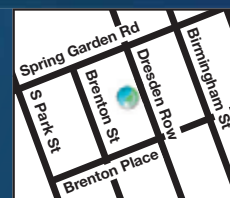


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Box office

Hunger Games knocked from No. 1

The date-night movies *Think Like a Man* and *The Lucky One* have finally knocked *The Hunger Games* off its No. 1 box-office perch. According to studio estimates Sunday, *Think Like a Man*, based on Steve Harvey's dating-advice bestseller, debuted as the top weekend draw with \$33 million. The Warner Bros. drama *The Lucky One*, starring Zac Efron in an adaptation of Nicholas Sparks' romance novel, opened at No. 2 with \$22.8 million. Lionsgate's blockbuster *The Hunger Games* took in \$14.5 million, slipping to third-place after four weekends at No. 1. Disney's nature documentary *Chimpanzee* opened at No. 4 with \$10.2 million.

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On the web



Chaz Bono, Josh Hutcherson honoured at GLAAD Media Awards in Los Angeles



Luke Evans plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack in *The Raven*. HANDOUT

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Learning process.

Despite his roles in big films, Evans says he learned plenty from working with John Cusack on *The Raven*

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Luke Evans hasn't been home in a while. The last two years have seen a marked increase in film work for the Welsh actor, taking him around the world to make films like *The Three Musketeers*, *Immortals* and this month's *The Raven*, in which he plays a straight-laced detective opposite John Cusack's Edgar Allan Poe. Evans checked in by phone from New Zealand, where he's been living for nearly a year while making *The Hobbit* — and where he

says he'll be until at least July. After that? Who knows?

How much of an Edgar Allen Poe fan were you before going into this project?

I was very aware of who he was and how much of an impact he made on American literature, but I hadn't read a huge amount of his work. I knew about *The Raven*. *The Pit* and *The Pendulum* was the one I knew as well.

What did you think of the project when you were initially approached?

I thought it was great. I thought it was a very clever way of using Poe's work and brilliant stories and making it into a fictional detective movie and showing his stories in a very clever sort of fictional backdrop. I'd always wanted to work with John Cusack, too, so the fact that he's playing Poe was a really exciting idea for me.

What are some of your favourites of Cusack's films?

Well, I love *The Grifters*, I love *High Fidelity*. They're two I really, really enjoyed. But almost all of John's work that I've watched, I've enjoyed. He's a great man to watch when he's doing his thing. He's been doing it for such a long time, you know? You can learn an awful lot, as an actor like myself, watching John do his thing.

Well, you've got a fair amount under your own belt now as well.

Yeah! Yeah, I have. It's just been very, very fast (laughs). And movies, film work — I'm still learning as I'm going along, and I'm sure I will learn for a very long time. But it is quite great when you get to work with people who've done movies for a long time because you just how watch how they play with the camera and like that, all the subtleties. I just keep watching, keep learning. But

yeah, I've been acting for 12 or 13 years now. A lot of it's been in the theatre, but I try to channel what I learned there and use it in film. It's all acting at the end of the day, isn't it?

How was the experience on location for the *Raven*?

We started in Budapest in Hungary, and then we moved across the border to Serbia to Belgrade and also to a northern town called Novi Sad, which has a castle on the mound, and underneath the castle there's a huge bunch of tunnel networks, which is what we used in the film when... I won't give it away, but there are tunnels in the film that get used to chase... someone (laughs).

Did you feel isolated out there?

It's another difference, yeah. But Budapest is a great city, a really great city. We did a lot of night shoots in Hungary, and in the wintertime it can be cold

and very windy, with a bit of snow. And it got worse because we jumped into former Yugoslavia. Serbia can get very cold. But the people are great. It's a great way to see the world. This is such a joy to me, to get a job and then go to places I would probably never have visited, and now I have. They're great, I'd go back there tomorrow.

Speaking of great locations, you're in New Zealand now. How is filming on *The Hobbit* going?

Filming is going very well, yeah. We're solid, solid working now. There's a lot to be done.

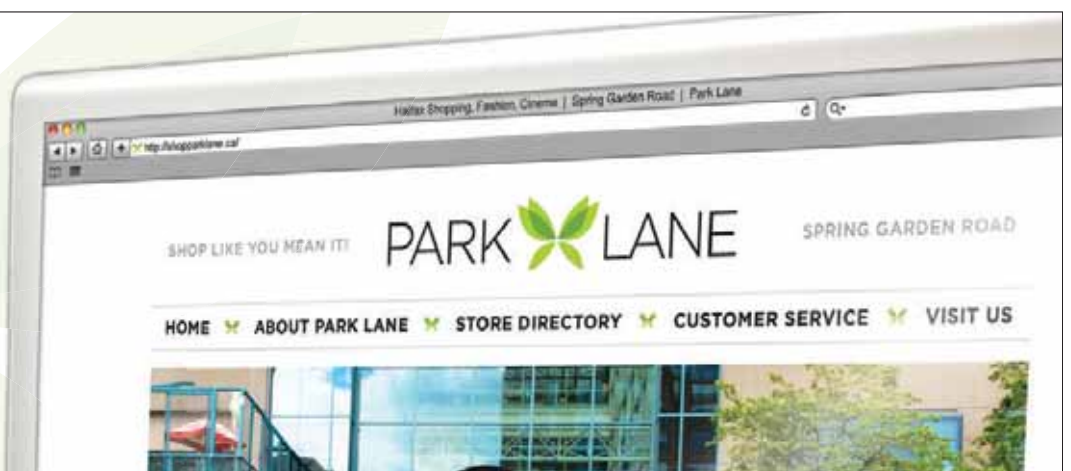
How have you found life in New Zealand?

I know, it's great, right? I've been here almost 10 months now, and it's such a beautiful place. Again, the people are what make New Zealand so great. They're a fantastic race of people, and they make a great team on set.

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The Word

Kim and Kanye take on Manhattan, other Kardashians



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Oh, hey! Look who it is: Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, just out for a stroll in one of the most crowded cities in the world, in broad daylight, on a Saturday afternoon, in front of a barrage of photographers.

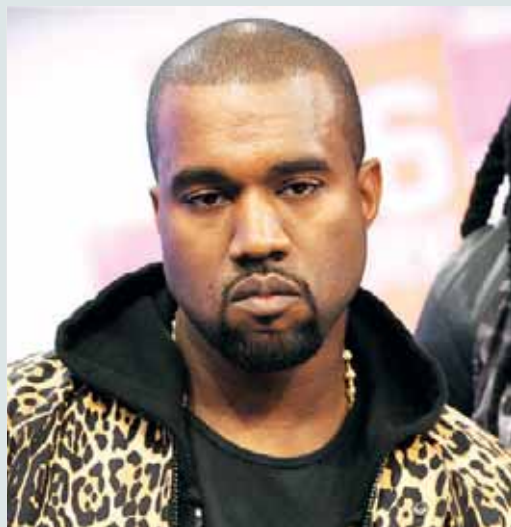
They are doing a great job of keeping this totally legit burgeoning relationship on the down-low, am I right?

According to US Weekly, the two spotlight-lovers browsed the racks at the Chelsea shop Balenciaga and then stopped for an ice cream cone at the Van Leeuwen ice cream truck.

It's getting so "serious" (a.k.a. completely generated for publicity) that West had dinner with Kim, her mother Kris Jenner, sister

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Khloe and brother-in-law Lamar Odom at the Spice Market restaurant in the city's Meatpacking District, according to RadarOnline.

Expect to see this entire weekend on the E! network soon as Kim's Fairytale Dinner: A Kardashian Event.



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Was Lohan lying about whereabouts?

When a woman recently accused Lindsay Lohan of assaulting her at a nightclub, Lohan's response was simple: She couldn't have, since she was at home watching TV at the time.

But new developments suggest she might not be telling the truth there, according to RadarOnline.

"Investigators obtained the surveillance video from

the Smoke & Mirrors nightclub at The Standard Hotel and it clearly shows that Lindsay was there on the night of the alleged assault," a source says.

"The investigation is still ongoing and follow-up investigators want to interview Lindsay about the incident, but she hasn't been interviewed yet, nor is she under any obligation to do so."

Wedding bells in Italy for Biel and Timberlake?

Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel just finished a whirlwind five-day trip to Italy, prompting speculation about the location of their upcoming wedding, according to Us Weekly. After hitting up Rome, Naples and Capri, the happy couple reportedly paid a visit to the southern town of Bernalda — and more specifically the wedding venue Palazzo Margherita, where Sofia Coppola tied the knot last year.



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Breakfast

Sunny outlook for outlets catering to millennial market

More Canadians eat breakfast on the run and it's the 20-something group that's driving the trend, says a market researcher group. A study by the NPD Group shows growth among quick-service restaurants for the morning meal. NPD predicts that segment of the market will grow 10 per cent by 2016.

The study, A Look into the Future of Foodservice, finds that nine per cent of the population prefers to pick up its morning meal at outlets, and this has led to a 14 per cent increase in breakfast sales in the past year.

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On the web



Doggy Wars?
Campaigns spar about canines, but dog owners not biting much



Mommy blog reasonsmommydrinks.com uses a comedic approach to discuss the issues faced by new mothers. ISTOCK

What drives mommy to reach for a drink?

Blog. After having babies four months apart, two lifelong friends teamed up to offer an unfiltered look at being new moms

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Two bloggers with new born babies have put a comedic spin on some real issues women are facing when it comes to motherhood.

Lyranda Martin Evans and Fiona Stevenson, friends for 20 years, are the co-authors of reasonsmommydrinks.com, an honest

and unfiltered blog about what it's really like to be a new mom.

"Being on maternity leave is the hardest job in the world," says Evans. "If I had to do mat-leave by myself, I think I would have gone nuts."

The two friends both had baby boys, four months apart.

"In my group of friends, there was a group of 2011 babies," says Evans.

"I was really lucky. Women love to help each other out."

After attending high school, Queens University and then training at the Second City conservatory comedy program together, it only makes sense Evans and Stevenson would team up for this blog.

Both are unafraid to make racy quips and expose a more realistic image of being a mom.

The writers take personal experiences and stories from mom groups to create a witty list of more than 50 "reasons why mommy drinks."

"It's very cathartic," says Evans. "At the time, it's the worst moment of the day, but it becomes funny."

The blog's name is somewhat controversial, but Evans sees it as a comedic device, playing on the expression "I need a drink!"

"We wanted to have a good hook. It's all written tongue-in-cheek."

"The blog is really about how much we love them [kids]. We're trying to be perfect for them."

Reason #38: The Babysitter

"Mommy can't believe she's going to pay a teenager \$40 to sit in her living room for three hours (texting her boyfriend and eating Mommy's cappuccino frozen yogurt directly from the tub) while you lie sleeping in your crib upstairs the entire time. But Mommy and Daddy figured that to avoid becoming a statistic, they should spend the occasional Saturday night doing something other than eating take-out Thai food in front of Grey's Anatomy, only to doze off before the latest iteration of "doctor rips off nurse's clothes in the medical supply room." Dressed in her standby LBD and rocking her volumizing mascara, Mommy's feeling pretty hot, until the sitter with Angelina legs sprouting from a skirt the size of a Bella Band greets her..."

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Bloggers Fiona Stevenson, left, and Lyranda Martin Evans. CONTRIBUTED



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Catch of the day makes for easy weeknight dinner



This recipe makes two servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

Sweet and spicy, this catfish only needs a medley of vegetables served along with it or a crisp green salad for an easy weeknight meal.

1. In a small bowl, mix together Dijon and Creole mustards, honey and vinegar. Spread mustard mixture over top of fillets and arrange potato slices over mustard, pushing down gently so potato sticks.

2. In a non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat. Carefully place fillets potato-side down in skillet and pan-fry for 5 minutes.

3. Remove fillets and place on parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Bake in centre of 180 C (350 F) oven for about 12 minutes, until potatoes are golden and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

4. Apple and Jalapeno Glaze: Meanwhile, in a small saucepan combine apple jelly, water, apple and jalapeno and simmer on

Ingredients

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Creole mustard
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 5 ml (1 tsp) cider vinegar
- 2 farm-raised catfish fillets (each 175 to 250 g/6 to 8 oz)
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and cut in paper-thin slices
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Apple and Jalapeno Glaze

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) apple jelly
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water
- 1/2 apple, peeled and diced
- 1/2 jalapeno, seeded and diced

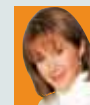
low heat for about 5 minutes. Keep warm.

5. Remove catfish from oven. Place on serving plates and drizzle with glaze.

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Corn syrup and cumin for the perfect salmon glaze

Experimenting with salt, soy sauce, garlic and ginger with fruit can make an interesting glaze for fish.

It may also interest you that a household staple such as corn syrup makes for a perfect glaze, like in this recipe

There has been some concern recently about high fructose levels in corn syrup, so it's worth noting that Crown Golden, the corn syrup of choice in this recipe, does not contain high-fructose-corn-syrup.

1. Heat a dry non-stick skillet on medium high heat. Add the cumin and toss for 1 to 2 minutes until the cumin is toasted. Use care not to burn the cumin. Re-

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoons garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fine grind black pepper
- 1/2 cup Crown Golden no-high fructose corn syrup
- 4 salmon fillets (6 to 8 oz each/ approx 200 g each)



This recipe serves eight to 10 people. NEWS CANADA

move it from heat and allow to it cool for about 10 minutes.

2. Combine cumin, garlic salt, black pepper, and dark corn syrup in a small bowl.

Mix well.

3. Brush glaze over both sides of the salmon. Grill or broil, turning once and brushing liberally with glaze. Cook 8 to 10 minutes

until salmon flakes easily.

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Green living — dollhouse-style

Next-generation toys. Dollhouse with different types of green themes helps educate kids as they play

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For young children, play is serious business. It's what they do — and how they learn.

That's why PlanToys, an innovative maker of eco-friendly playthings, has created the ultimate green dollhouse.

"The PlanToys dollhouse shows many different types of eco-themes," explains Cal Nicholson, sales and marketing specialist at Playwell Canada.

"It's got a windmill, a solar shade, solar panels, recycling buckets — even the furniture inside features cotton that is all organic."

The concept is deliciously simple.

Along with all the social skills and imagination any good dollhouse fosters, this

one turns sustainability into a basic, everyday concept — taken as a given from very early in life.

"The reality is that for

the kids, the dollhouse is something cool to play with," Nicholson says.

"But the really big thing about PlanToys actually is

about the parents. They know that the eco-credentials of this product are among the highest on the planet, and they feel really good about



PlanToys is making eco-friendly dollhouses for tomorrow's generation. HANDOUT

Quote

"Using chemicals goes completely against the green feature of the product, and they're only using soy inks or natural water-based colours. All the packaging is recycled and recyclable."

Cal Nicholson
Sales and marketing specialist at Playwell Canada.

buying it."

The dollhouse is made from rubber wood trees from Thailand. Normally, these are burned for charcoal once they reach the end of their productive life. Instead, PlanToys uses their chemical-free wood to build toys that are tough, durable — and very green.

"Using chemicals goes completely against the green feature of the product, and they're only using soy inks or natural water-based colours," notes Nicholson. "All the packaging is recycled and recyclable."

The dollhouse isn't cheap

By the numbers

\$1.2B

Total Canadian toy sales in 2009, according to Statistics Canada. That's down sharply from \$1.8 billion in 2004.

— averaging around \$200, depending on the retailer. But it's also very durable.

"You're buying a product that is Earth-friendly, that has high quality, and it's evergreen in the sense that kids are going to play with it for a long time. It's not a Walmart item that's going to get thrown away or broken in two weeks."

Nicholson sees the PlanToys dollhouse as an investment in the future — in more ways than one.

"This is something that can be played with by younger siblings or passed on to future generations," he explains. "PlanToys' whole model is sustainable play — in terms of the product itself, and also for the environment."

Child's play, in other words.

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Want your kids to keep learning after school? Here are two trends

Archery. Hunger Games heroine Katniss makes archery cool for kids (minus the hunger and killing stuff)

In schools and backyards, for their birthdays and out with their dads, kids are going for archery four weeks into the box office run of *The Hunger Games* and less than 100 days before the London Olympics.

"All of a sudden sales of bows have tripled," said Paul Haines, a salesman at the Ramsey Outdoor store in Paramus, N.J.

A manager there made a sign for the hunting department: "Quality bows for serious archers and girls who saw the movie."

Archery ranges around the country have enjoyed a steady uptick among kids of both sexes since the movie began cleaning up at the box office March 23, though heroine Katniss — a deadly shot with an arrow — seems to resonate more with girls.

"Katniss is so inspiring," said Gabby Lee, who asked for archery lessons for her 12th birthday in February after reading the popular book trilogy by Suzanne Collins.

"I'm not very sportsy," she

Buzz

"There's a lot of buzz among young people about archery right now. They want to shoot bows and arrows so badly, they're willing to follow the rules."

Roy Grimes, president of the National Archery in the Schools Program



Ashley Donzella participates in the youth archery league at Targeteers Archery in Saddle Brook, N.J.
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said, but now she belongs to a youth archery league near her Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., home. "It feels really good because I'm usually the girl who sits and reads."

While some young archers have been doing it for years, motivated by generations of hunters in their families, the parents of others love it for its focus, independence and because they, too, have kids not drawn to more typical team or contact sports.

At seven, Christa Mattessich is too young for the gruesome dystopian world that thrusts 16-year-old Katniss and her

fellow youths into the arena for a battle to the death — a battle Katniss wins thanks to the archery skills she honed while hunting game in the woods of her native District 12.

But Christa loves archery just as much and has been shooting for about two years at Targeteers Archery in Saddle Brook, N.J., her dad Anthony Mattessich said.

"I'm an avid bow hunter," he said. "At her age, with other sports, they're just running with each other and chasing a ball, then the ice cream truck comes and that's that. For archery, they're a

little bit more dedicated."

Like more than 2 million kids in nearly every state and several other countries, Abbey took archery in gym class this year as part of the decade-old National Archery in the Schools program that trains teachers in the sport and offers discounts on equipment.

"There's a lot of buzz among young people about archery right now. They want to shoot bows and arrows so badly, they're willing to follow the rules," said Roy Grimes, the organization's president.

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Knitting. Purling is hip again, as a new generation turns to the clack of the needles

Move over, knitting grannies. Yarn harlots, crochet chicks and knit nerds are taking over and they're not knitting baby booties or crocheting doilies.

More young people are taking up the "stitch and bitch" craft, making everything from conventional scarves and mittens to purses and wraps.

Growth seems to be highest among knitters like Allison Krause Danielsens — 20-somethings looking to express their creativity, reject cheap mass consumerism and decompress in a way that doesn't depend on the technology they are immersed in all day.

Krause Danielsens, a 29-year-old Winnipeg resident, learned to knit at an early age but didn't really take it up seriously until she hit university.

"I've got my iPhone and my computer but it's something that's more tangible and tactile that you can do and it's pro-

ductive," she said.

"In this age of just being able to go to the dollar store and buy something you can throw away, you have something more valuable if you've knit it yourself."

The Craft Yarn Council of America says young women in their 20s are fuelling yarn sales across the country. Between 2002 and 2004, the council's annual surveys found knitters between the ages of 25 to 34 jumped 150 per cent. Its most recent survey found expressing creativity is what draws this cohort to take up the craft.

Lori Franko, a member who helps run the Ram Wool Co-op in Winnipeg, said their customers range from 20 years old to 90. But in recent years, she said the shop is seeing younger knitters seeking skeins of yarn.

Much of the growing popularity is thanks to the Internet, Franko said. Younger, web-savvy knitters can go online and find everything from free patterns to blogs to chat rooms with advice and support. The web helps feed the do-it-yourself movement that's afoot among younger people, Franko said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Allison Krause Danielsens knits a pair of socks with some double-pointed needles at a local coffee shop in Winnipeg. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

From hard worker to hotshot

Moving up. Ajay Virmani pulled out all the stops to guarantee his company's success



THE IN-CREDIBILITY FACTOR
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Ajay Virmani came to Toronto from India in 1975 with a strong work ethic and a vision.

He washed windows, fixed car mufflers, then sold vac-

uum cleaners and life insurance.

But he found his true calling when he got into transportation management and quickly turned a struggling air cargo company around. With an opportunity to go out on his own, Virmani didn't think twice.

"I thought, 'I've got enough contacts in business. If I make \$150,000 a year, I'll be happy.'"

That was in 1990 and today Cargojet is Canada's air cargo leader doing \$200 million a year in sales.

Virmani says the key to be-

ing a successful entrepreneur is to never underestimate yourself and to believe in your skills.

"Take risks, be stubborn, dream and have a sense of purpose when you get up in the morning. At one point I had two mortgages on my house. I paid one credit card to another. Risk-taking ability is the biggest thing an entrepreneur can have."

The final word from the award-winning entrepreneur?

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QMJHL

Sea Dogs
take 2-0
series lead

Stanislav Galiev scored two goals as the Saint John Sea Dogs defeated the visiting Chicoutimi Saguenéens 5-2 on Sunday afternoon in Quebec Major Junior Hockey League playoff action. Saint John leads the Eastern Conference Final 2-0, and Galiev now has three goals and an assist in the series. Jonathan Huberdeau had a goal and an assist for the Sea Dogs, who have yet to lose a game all post-season, while Ryan Tesink and Aidan Kelly scored a goal apiece. Kevin Gagne chipped in two assists for Saint John and Charles Coyle added a single assist. The assist gives Coyle 24 points in 10 games, which leads QMJHL playoff scoring. Christian Ouellet scored his 13th goal of the post-season for the Saguenéens, which moves him into a tie for first in playoff goals with Halifax Mooseheads' forward Nathan MacKinnon, and Mathieu Gagnon had the other. Mathieu Corbeil stopped 27 shots for his 14th career post-season victory while Christopher Gibson allowed five goals on 32 shots in defeat. Saint John went one for six on the power play as Chicoutimi scored once on five chances with the man advantage. Game 3 is scheduled for Tuesday in Saguenay at the Centre Georges-Vézina.

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'We know we can come back,' MacKinnon says

QMJHL semifinals.

Mooseheads remain optimistic after losing first two games at home to Rimouski



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It's another daunting task they face, but the Halifax Mooseheads remain confident they can do it.

After losing both games at home against the Rimouski Oceanic to open their best-of-seven Quebec Major Junior Hockey League semifinal series, Halifax now must win two of the next three games on the road to just see the series return to the Metro Centre.

But if the last round of the playoffs told us anything about this edition of the Mooseheads, it was that quit isn't in their vocabulary.

Trailing 3-0 in its quarter-final series with the Quebec Remparts, the Mooseheads reeled off four-straight wins, including games 6 and 7 on the road, to move on.

"We know we can come back, but at the end of the day, we don't want to get down 3-0 again," Mooseheads forward Nathan MacKinnon said in reference to the importance of Tuesday's Game 3 in Rimouski. "It's just not worth the stress, even if we did come back, it's not what we want to do."

"We want three up there and that's what we're going there to get."

After being flat and out of sync in a 4-1 loss to



Rimouski Oceanic players celebrate after scoring in the third period against the Halifax Mooseheads in Game 2 on Saturday night. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

open the series on Friday, Halifax played much better in Saturday's Game 2, but couldn't hold a lead and lost 5-4.

Four times Halifax held one-goal advantages, only to see Rimouski tie things up. That included twice in the third period as MacKinnon tallied his 12th and 13th goals of the playoffs.

"It's definitely a mental test. We have to stay focused for sure," defenceman Trey Lewis said of the four blown leads. "We have to make

sure we bounce back even when we score. We have to keep up the strong shifts with the next one."

The winner by Rimouski came late in the third after Mooseheads forward Alexandre Grenier was called for tripping in the Oceanic zone with just over two minutes left in regulation time.

Jerome Gauthier-Leduc's fired a blast from the point with 56.3 seconds left in regulation time that found its way through a crowd and past Mooseheads netminder Zachary Fucale.

The goal was a tough blow for a Halifax team that felt it deserved a better fate, especially after performing so poorly in the opener.

"I thought we played much better than we did

Post-season record

MacKinnon sets new mark with 13 goals

Nathan MacKinnon is now the most prolific goal scorer for the Halifax Mooseheads in a single post-season.

The 16-year-old rookie has 13 playoff goals, one more than the old record of 12 set by Jamie Brown in 1997.

"It's definitely cool to have the record, but at the end of the day, it doesn't really matter. We lost the game," MacKinnon said



Nathan MacKinnon CONTRIBUTED

following Halifax's Game 2 loss.

"It's definitely exciting, but I came here to win tonight, not to get a record."

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(in Game 1). A lot more energy," said Mooseheads coach Dominique Ducharme.

"It was a close game. I think we deserved it as much as them."

Adversity

"We're facing adversity but we got character. It brings the best out of us obviously."

Halifax Mooseheads coach Dominique Ducharme



Herd must start burying chances: Coach



Martin Frk, centre, is hit by Robbie Defulvis in Game 2. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

A sore point for the Halifax Mooseheads during the first two games of their series with the Rimouski Oceanic is the power play.

Halifax is 0-for-9 with the man-advantage, including failing to score on three chances in Game 2.

"We had some shots, we had some chances, we just need to score," said Mooseheads coach Dominique Ducharme. "There were a lot of scoring chances where we missed the net."

"I think we can be sharper in our execution."

With players like Nathan MacKinnon, Jonathan Drouin, Martin Frk and Darcy Ashley, the power play should be one of this team's strengths.

But the Mooseheads always seemed to be making that one extra pass in the first two games that halted

what could have been a good scoring chance.

"We're sometimes a hot-and-cold power play," MacKinnon said. "At the end of the day, we just have to get back to basics and put the puck on net."

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On the web

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A full-page advertisement featuring a hockey player in a Chicago Blackhawks jersey. The player is standing on an ice rink, holding a large trophy in his left arm and a massive fish vertically in his right hand. He is wearing a white helmet and red socks. In the background, a large crowd of spectators is visible in the stands. Other players and a referee are scattered on the ice. The text "BELIEVE IN YOUR SMELL" is overlaid in large, yellow, stylized letters. In the bottom right corner, there is a small cake with Old Spice deodorant cans on top.

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Giroux and Flyers finish off Pens

NHL. Flyers star player caps big series by scoring in the first minute to fire up Philadelphia

Claude Giroux had his coach call him the best player in the world.

Giroux needed one shift to prove that claim is more than hometown hype.

He flattened Sidney Crosby by only five seconds into the game, buried his sixth goal of the series past Marc-Andre Fleury 27 seconds later, and led a Philadelphia Flyers charge into the second round.

Giroux wrapped up a dominant series with a goal and two assists. Ilya Bryzgalov had his first outstanding effort in net and the Flyers

Game 6	
5	1
Flyers	Penguins

beat the 108-point Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 on Sunday to win their Eastern Conference opening-round series in six games.

"G is a very special player," Bryzgalov said. "There's not very many players like that in the world."

Giroux strapped the Flyers to his 24-year-old back and gave the team an opening shift to remember. In a series where no lead was safe, the Flyers scored the first three goals and made it stand behind stout defence and stellar play out of Bryzgalov.

Quoted

"I wasn't planning to hit Crosby. Just sometimes when you have a chance to hit another player, you've got to go out there and do it."

Claude Giroux on his first shift of Game 6.

Bryzgalov allowed 20 goals in the first five games. He settled down in Game 6 and gave up only Evgeni Malkin's goal in the second period.

The Flyers had stormed out to a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series before Pittsburgh won two straight. Flyers forward Scott Hartnell called out his defence and Bryzgalov and said it was their turn to win a game.

The Flyers delivered with 40 blocked shots.

"Guys were sacrificing their bodies to block shots and were paying the price taking hits to make plays," Hartnell said. "It was awesome to see." "We needed to play perfect hockey to stay in this series, to win this series, and we didn't get the kind of start we needed today," Crosby said. "We felt like we could get it back to Pittsburgh, and now we have some time to think about why we didn't."

The testy series concluded with a peaceful handshake line — and the Flyers having several days of rest to find out their next opponent before the next round begins.

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Danny Briere heads up ice from in front of Zbynek Michalek Sunday in Philadelphia. PAUL BERESWILL/GETTY IMAGES

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Bruins send series back to Beantown

Because Tyler Seguin and Tim Thomas returned to form, the Bruins are heading back to Boston for another game against the Washington Capitals.

Seguin scored at 3:17 of overtime, Thomas made 36 saves, and the Bruins beat Washington 4-3 on Sunday to tie the first-round Eastern Conference playoff series at three games apiece.

The defending Stanley Cup champion Bruins never trailed, but needed a stolen pass and a deft bit of skating by Seguin to finally get the decisive goal and avoid elimination.

The series finale is Wednesday night in Boston. The first six games were all decided by one goal, three of them in overtime.

"It's been a dogfight from start to finish," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "Both teams here are heading to Game 7 with the same kind of confidence. For us, it's time to take advantage of the home ice that we've fought hard all year to get. We've got to make it count."

Seguin led the Bruins during the regular season with 29 goals and 67 points but was scoreless in the playoffs until Sunday. Thomas, a two-



Capitals goalie Braden Holtby skates off the ice as the Bruins celebrate Tyler Seguin's overtime goal Sunday in Washington. PATRICK MCDERMOTT/GETTY IMAGES

Road warriors?

To advance to the second round the Capitals must win a third game in Boston.

time Vezina Trophy winner, was generally outplayed by Capitals rookie Braden Holtby over the first five games

of the series.

Not so in Game 6.

Thomas had 35 saves in regulation, and Seguin contributed an assist before beating Holtby to end the game.

"It was a coming-of-age goal there in overtime," Thomas said about Seguin, a 20-year-old with two years of NHL experience.

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NHL

Canucks knocked out of playoffs

Jarret Stoll scored 4:27 into overtime as the Los Angeles Kings came back to beat the Vancouver Canucks 2-1 in the fifth game of the Western Conference quarter-final series Sunday night.

The underdog Kings took the best-of-seven series 4-1, spoiling Vancouver's hopes of a return to the Stanley Cup final.

Stoll scored on a wrist shot from the wing on a turnover at the Canucks' blue-line. The L.A. forward skated in on a 2-on-1, but took the shot himself, picking the top-left corner behind Vancouver goalie Cory Schneider.

Los Angeles completed a major upset after finishing eighth in the regular season while the Canucks placed first in the Western Conference and overall for the second season in a row.

Brad Richardson also scored for the Kings, who trailed 1-0 after 40 minutes. Richardson tied it up 3:21 into the third period. Goalie Jonathan Quick made 26 saves to earn the win.

Henrik Sedin scored the lone Canucks goal, while Schneider stopped 35 shots. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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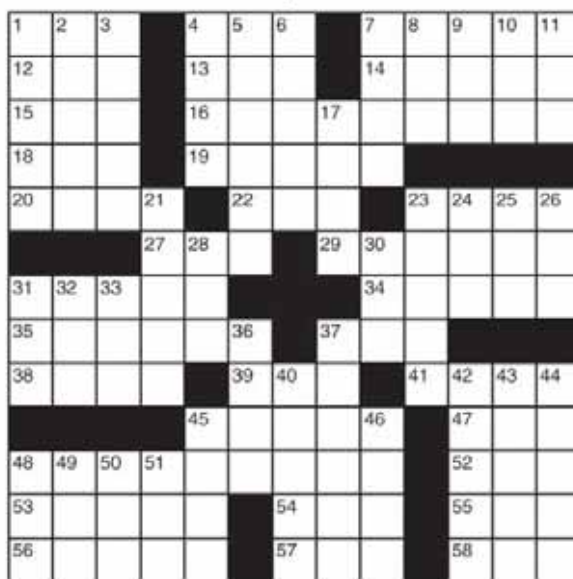
Across

- 1 Foundation
- 4 PC program
- 7 Unrefined
- 12 Inseparable
- 13 "No seats"
- 14 Charlie Brown, typically
- 15 Rd.
- 16 Star of the show
- 18 Scepter
- 19 Poppy derivative
- 20 Antenna type
- 22 USN newbie
- 23 Grit
- 27 Under the weather
- 29 Tom Cruise movie
- 31 Reflection
- 34 Flora and fauna
- 35 Astaire/ Rogers film
- 37 Half a sawbuck
- 38 Witnesses
- 39 — CIO
- 41 Grand-scale tale
- 45 Skedaddles
- 47 Swelled head
- 48 Hush-hush
- 52 Jungfrau, e.g.
- 53 Rigel's constellation
- 54 Nipper's old co.
- 55 Country singer David Allan
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- 56 Pollster's finding

- 57 Urge
- 58 Scuttle

Down

- 1 Enplane
- 2 Summarizing stanza
- 3 Gary Cooper role
- 4 Regarding
- 5 Drive
- 6 Visit briefly
- 7 Untalkative one
- 8 Jockey Turcotte
- 9 "Born in the —"
- 10 Lair
- 11 History chapter
- 17 Sculpture of a sort
- 21 Peak periods
- 23 Bookbinding piece
- 24 Past
- 25 Enthusiast
- 26 Genetics letters
- 28 Meadow
- 30 Kimono closer
- 31 "Monty Python" opener
- 32 Larry's pal
- 33 Gorilla
- 36 Soft mineral
- 37 Swindle
- 40 Staten Island carrier
- 42 Cobbler ingredient
- 43 Nome dome home
- 44 Got by somehow



- 45 Ward (off)
- 46 Ollie's partner
- 48 Youngster

- 49 Bobby of hockey
- 50 Slapstick missile
- 51 Trinity member

Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

1	5	7	4	3	0	6	9	2
8	2	4	7	8	5	8	1	3
8	6	3	2	9	1	7	4	5
6	7	8	3	1	9	5	2	4
4	3	1	5	2	7	9	6	8
2	9	5	8	4	6	1	3	7
7	1	2	6	5	3	4	8	0
5	4	6	9	8	2	3	7	1
3	8	9	1	7	4	2	5	6

Friday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20.

This is a week for getting things done, not fretting needlessly.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Usually you keep your feelings to yourself but over the next few days you will surprise a few people — and maybe yourself — by how easily you open up emotionally.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Enrich yourself and enrich other people too.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Romance is in the air: feel it, breathe it, enjoy it.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. If you intend to make major changes this week it will pay you to let partners

and loved ones know well in advance.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

The more confident you are the more people you will attract to your side.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

A family or financial matter that has been causing you concern will disappear off your radar today, never to return.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Your one and only priority today is to have a good time.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

If your instincts tell you a certain course of action is right then that is what you must do — even if the rest

of the world screams "Don't do it!"

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 20.

The odds may seem stacked against you at the moment but it's an illusion.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb. 18.

You may think that people are talking behind your back, and you may think that someone in authority has got it in for you, but that just shows you think too much.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

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